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## **INTRODUCTION**

The papers of Daniel Montgomery (1789-1855), surveyor, large land owner, farmer, distiller, miller, and mule raiser of Sumner County, Tennessee, were given to the Tennessee Historical Society by Mr. Stanley Horn, Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this finding aid measure .84 cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Daniel Montgomery Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Daniel Montgomery Papers (1788-1964) containing three volumes and approximately 725 items, are composed of three accounts books, land records, bills of sale, orders, receipts, and some correspondence dealing with land transactions in Sumner County, Tennessee, principally, but also in Weakley, Henry, and Obion counties, Tennessee.

The land records comprise the bulk of the collection. There are 61 land transfers between 1815-1854, made out to Daniel Montgomery involving about 3,000 to 4,000 acres of land, most of it in Sumner County. There are 100 land entry certificates (1801 – 1832), all copies, for as many individuals, which Daniel Montgomery probably handled in conjunction with his position as a surveyor. There are numerous other land grants, indentures, transfers, etc.

Daniel Montgomery's farm records include three accounts books: 1834, 1836-37, and 1840-43. These accounts deal mainly with shoeing horses, repairing wagons, sharpening plows, and selling whiskey, meal, etc. There are 110 orders for his whiskey. There are receipts for school tuition, taxes, clothing, magazines, newspapers, etc. There are orders for corn and meal. There are records for mule raising from 1833-54.

The correspondence is not extensive and deals principally with land transactions – some of it with his two brothers who had moved to Mississippi.

Bills of sale for Negroes ( 1823-38), the deed of an acre of land for a school by Daniel Montgomery (1839), and a few miscellaneous papers round out the collection.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

### **Daniel Montgomery**

- 1789            March 25 – Born in Sumner County, Tennessee, son of William and Jane McMillin Montgomery. Engaged as surveyor and acquired land in Sumner, Henry, Obion, and Weakley counties in Tennessee, and in Madison County, Illinois. Also engaged in extensive farming operations and operated a grist mill, a sawmill, and a whiskey distillery at Shackle Island in Sumner County.
- 1821            December 7 – Married Sally Garrison.
- 1822            Commissioned First Major in the 43rd Regiment, Tennessee State Militia.
- 1855            July 5 – Died at Shackle Island, buried in Beech Cemetery, Sumner County, Tennessee.

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